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## TRAGEDY NARROWLY AVERTED.

**Albert Ireland Became Insane and Cut His Sister-in-Law With a Razor. The Cutting not Fatal.**

On Sunday night at about 10 o'clock Albert Ireland cut Mrs. S. W. Ireland's throat with a razor while under a severe strain of religious mania. She was cut almost from ear to ear circularly and it required thirteen stitches to sew up the wound. The wound was not deep enough to sever the arteries or the jugular vein and to this almost miraculous circumstance Mrs. Ireland owes her life. Her condition, as it is, is bad and she will be unable to be up for several days, but it is nothing as compared with what would naturally be expected from such an attack.

S. W. Ireland and wife occupy a suite of rooms in the Cook block and Albert has been staying with them for the past few weeks. He has a claim in Oklahoma and has been here on a visit. He slept in a room adjoining the one in which his brother and wife slept and he got into their room without making sufficient noise to awaken them, and commenced the horrible work while Mrs. Ireland was asleep. Almost as soon as he touched her Mrs. Ireland awoke and screamed and this awoke her husband who was sleeping in another part of the room, who with rare presence of mind sprang at his insane brother and hit him a hard blow on the head and dazed him. He then got him out of the room by main force and called Emmett McCleary who occupied another room adjoining, to engage Albert in conversation while he (Steve) went for Sheriff Haun who came and took charge of Albert. During all this time neither Mrs. Ireland nor her husband knew that she had been hurt. The room was dark and during the excitement no one took time to light a lamp. But when Albert had been taken care of, Mrs. Ireland began to feel weak and when attention was turned to her, her clothing were literally saturated in blood. Drs. Coleman and Longenecker were called at once and they dressed the wound and administered medicine, and though there was much loss of blood, the information was soon given out that no large blood vessels were severed and that Mrs. Ireland would recover.

Albert Ireland has always been a hard-working, honest young man and in his right mind was always quiet, inoffensive and peaceable. His brothers, Stephen and Tom, knew that his mind was affected for a few months, especially on religious matters, but they did not suspect that it would ever lead him to violence, knowing his disposition as they did. But nobody can foretell the turn that insanity takes. Albert has been for many years a devout Christian. He has read the bible much and was thoroughly posted. He can quote passages with precision from all parts of the book and his intense study of it seems to have unbalanced him. For the past few weeks he has been admonishing his brother and wife to repent, and has been preaching religion to them but they paid little attention to it, knowing his weakness, and on Sunday night the mania reached that awful stage where he imagined that God directed him to kill his brother's wife because they would not repent. After he had made the attack he seemed perfectly cool and quiet and while the sheriff was taking him to jail he expressed the hope that Mrs. Ireland would die.

On Monday in his cell in the jail he talked freely of the matter. He had no regrets but insisted that he had simply obeyed his Lord and Master and quoted different scriptural passages to prove it. The only thing, he said, that prevented him from making an attempt on his brother's life was a passage forbidding one man to slay his brother—conveying the impression that it was the duty of some other Christian to kill him if he did not repent. Asked as to when he made up his mind to kill Mrs. Ireland, he said he had been directed by the Lord just before going to church, to do the deed that night. He attended the Christian church, sang in the choir and requested the minister, Elder Walker, to let him

occupy the pulpit. The proposition was regarded as a little peculiar but it was passed as being merely a peculiarity.

The misfortune is a very sad one and yet it terminated happily. The unfortunate condition of Albert is almost lost sight of by the lucky escape of Mrs. Ireland from death. But this again should serve as a warning to the public. It does not pay to regard lightly any person whose mind is affected. The most quiet person in his natural mind is often the most dangerous when his mind is deranged. Much sorrow and much trouble can be saved by caring for the afflicted when the attack is in its incipency and no kinder act can be done for the patient than to take care of him before he becomes desperate.

Under the law a citizen of Oklahoma can not be kept in a Kansas asylum and hence Albert was taken to Alva yesterday where he will be adjudged insane and taken to the Oklahoma asylum at Norman. Friends earnestly hope for his recovery.

## Ball Refused.

On Friday C. B. Currie and R. H. Clay offered to qualify on a bond to release Mary Graham from custody, now being held on a charge of assisting John Tyree to escape jail, but the sheriff, on the advice of the county attorney, refused to accept the bond. The county attorney claims that since the child did not sign the bond, it is not valid even though the bondsmen are furnished by her parents.

Messrs. Clay and Currie could easily qualify on a bond for \$50,000.00, or even \$100,000.00, and we don't think that the claim is made by anybody that they are not good for \$500, the amount fixed by the justice of the peace at the time the girl was committed to jail.

The county attorney desires to have it understood by the public that he, not the sheriff, is wholly responsible for the refusal to accept the bond. There will undoubtedly be further developments in the case this week.

## The Stone Farm Sold.

Palmer & Case last week sold Dan Stone's farm in the eastern part of this township to J. R. Schofield of southwestern Iowa. This farm consists of 800 acres, most all farm land, and besides being well fenced with ordinary barbed wire, has three miles of hog fence. The land brought \$22 per acre.

Mr. Schofield and a grown son, Ralph Schofield, were in the city on Saturday to conclude the deal, and took time to call on the Index and get acquainted. They have not yet decided to move here but they are very favorably impressed with Barber county and her people, are elated over their investment and we expect to hear of their determination to locate among us most any day. For the present they will lease the farm for cash. It is an especially productive tract of land and we predict will prove satisfactory to its new owner. Mr. Stone bought this land when it was very low in price and has made a nice little fortune out of it. It pays to buy Barber county land.

## Chandler Block Leased.

D. S. Jones leased the Chandler Block last Wednesday and is now in the east buying a stock of merchandise. He expects to be ready for business about the 21st. D. S. is a son of J. D. Jones who at present resides in Kingman county. He formerly resided at Kiowa and was one of the heavy ranchmen in the Cheorkee strip before it was opened to settlement. The new store will be backed by an abundance of capital and is certain to be a success.

L. M. Axline returned home Saturday after an absence of a few months. He has a federal position connected with the territorial land offices.

A reception was given at the home of Senator and Mrs. Long on Monday night in honor of Misses Winans and Stanley and Mr. R. P. Murdock who entertained our people at the opera house last night. The parties are personal friends of Senator Long and wife and Secretary Ralph H. Faxon.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Dr. C. L. Sparks resident dentist. Office over Citizens State Bank.

Joe Shannon was appointed deputy by County Clerk Wilson last week.

Joe Steiret has rented Christian Keller's residence on Walnut street.

The Lecture Course Tickets are now on sale at the bank. Six splendid entertainments for \$1.50.

Mrs. Anna Burney has been employed to teach the Lone Star school southeast of town—the Stone district.

Mrs. T. L. Lindley and three of the children went to Greensburg last Thursday to visit with Mrs. Geo. L. Osborne.

F. A. Withers was down from Pratt last Wednesday to get some of his belongings which he had left in his gallery here.

H. D. Fair's new residence on north Walnut is beginning to "loom up." It will be the most modern in the city when completed.

Dr. Coleman reports a 9½ pound baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lonker of Eagle township, last Wednesday, Sept. 2nd.

R. H. Tanksley did not get away last Tuesday as he expected. He changed his mind about driving across and sold his horse to J. S. Runyan. The whole family left for Oswego on Thursday.

Dr. Kociell departed last Wednesday for Chicago to take a special clinical course under Dr. Pratt. During his absence Melvin Thompson is attending to things around his bachelor home.

C. W. and T. M. Kidd and G. R. Cecil fixed up the Lone Star schoolhouse southeast of town last week by putting on a new roof, fixing it up inside, and painting and renovating it generally. It would pass for a new building.

Luther Moores drove in from the Deerhead country on Monday en route for Sharon Valley to buy some fruit. He unloaded two big sweet melons as he passed the Index office which entitles him to all privileges free of charge at this shop whenever he is in town.

A woman who left the city recently thought that the public in general felt slighted because she failed to call on everybody before leaving, and to heal the wound she contributed her regrets to a paper. It is now believed that there will be no demand made for further satisfaction.

C. L. Bramwell started this week for a sixty days journey on the Pacific coast and the mountain states. He has been manager of the Badger Lumber Co. here for the past six years, and his health has failed to such an extent that he is off duty temporarily, and will travel for the purpose of recuperating.—Anthony Bulletin.

R. M. Woodward purchased Mrs. E. L. Brewer's new building on Main street last Wednesday, where he will conduct his harness business in the future. This puts the two harness men of the town close together. It is fortunate that they get along better than the newspapers. If they didn't, there surely would be trouble.

County Treasurer Rule is using all of his spare moments these days in familiarizing himself with the affairs of his office. His term begins in October. His sister, Mrs. D. S. Jones, has decided not to accept the deputyship and we learn from the Sharon Advocate (which item we clip this week) that Frank Warren of that place has knocked that particular per-simmon.

Miss Frances Case celebrated her seventh birthday last Wednesday, September 2nd, by enjoying a surprise party attended by seven little girls. The little folks had a lot of good things to eat and indulged in pleasure between the hours of 2 to 5. Besides other presents received, Frances got a beautiful solid gold ring presented her by her mamma. The little girls who were present were Agnes and Margaret Long, Marjorie Cook, Mary Painter Marjorie Ellis and Opal Herr.

## Base Ball Enthusiasm.

The Medicine Lodge and Lake City base ball teams indulged in a sort of a tournament on the fair grounds at this place on Friday and Saturday with the result that both sides are convinced that neither has some smooth players. While Medicine Lodge won both games, the boys knew that they were being kept busy. A lost ball in each game contributed very largely to their success. The first game was played Friday afternoon. The score was 8 to 10. This game provoked considerable enthusiasm and the Lake City people still believed they had the material to "do" the Lodge crowd and after some street talk with Riley Lake and Frank Gordon and the Lake City team on one side, and the Medicine boys and their admirers on the other, a bet of \$25 a side was put up, and a game was matched for the following morning. The score in this game was 10 to 12. The first game was umpired by Gus Schmidt and Jerry Gano. The second by S. I. Field.

The Index is patriotic enough to crow for the home team and we are glad they won out, but it is a fact that if there had been no lost ball, Lake City would have won the first game and possibly the second.

The positions were as follows:

Med Lodge	Lake City
Newkirk.....	Pitcher.....
Trice.....	Catcher.....
R. Davis.....	1st Base.....
Hall.....	2nd Base.....
L. Davis.....	3rd Base.....
Shannon.....	Center Field.....
Sellers.....	Right Field.....
Purdy.....	Left Field.....
Owen.....	Short Stop.....

The line-up was the same in both games excepting that Cooke pitched for Lake on Friday, and one inning on Saturday, instead of Roberts. Cushenberry took Purdy's place for Medicine Lodge on Saturday.

The scores by innings were as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Medicine Lodge.....	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	3	10	
Lake City.....	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	9	

  

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Medicine Lodge.....	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	5	0	12
Lake City.....	2	0	0	1	1	0	3	3	0	10

## Corn Without Rain.

H. P. Myers of Mingona township showed us a sample of his corn Saturday, which has grown and matured without rain since May 10th. He brought in two ears, one measuring 11 inches and the other 9 in length. Mr. Myers happens to be living in one of the localities which were unfortunate in the way of rainfall this year and along about the middle of July when it was extremely hot and dry he "passed up" the crop, as the saying goes, and concluded that he wouldn't have anything. A few weeks ago when the "blues" had worked off he took a walk out into his field just to see, as he thought, the ruins and was surprised to find such good corn. Those who are capable to estimate, say he will have 20 bushels per acre in spite of the dry weather. Many people have better corn this year but none can show a better crop with so little rain.

Mr. Myers is a firm believer in soil culture and his success this year over the dry weather is largely due to good cultivation. The ground in his field is loose and the dry mulch on top simply held the moisture underneath. He cultivated when others gave up in despair and he now has his reward. He knows how to farm and has a good will power behind his knowledge.

## A Farewell Reception.

The members of the Christian church gave Elder R. H. Tanksley and wife a farewell surprise last Wednesday night. A big supper and delicious refreshments were served and everybody indulged in amusement. Nearly all the members were present.

The Index promised several of the Lake City base ball enthusiasts on Friday when it looked as though the game was going their way, to give them the benefit of the nicest fowl we have in the shop. But since the game changed at the close we have put the proud bird back in his cage for future use.

## Marshal's Office "Cut Out."

The city dads concluded at their meeting Monday night that Medicine Lodge didn't need a marshal any longer and served notice on Marshal Garrison that his salary of \$45 per month would cease. Mr. Garrison promptly resigned and the mayor and council "hired him over" again to look after the water-works and street commissioners business. Hereafter his salary will be governed by the amount of business transacted. He will receive five per cent of all water rents collected and \$1.50 per day for time actually employed in overseeing street work and 25 cents per hour for all extra work.

## The Banner Peach County.

The following from T. A. McNeal in the Mail and Breeze, is very complimentary to our fellow townsman, Col. Boggs, and those who have seen the fruit are ready to vouch for the correctness of the statement:

"The finest peaches which have come to Topeka from any part of the country, either East, South or West, this year, have come from Medicine Lodge, Barber county. These peaches were raised by Captain O. S. Boggs, who is considerably past his 70th birthday, but who still is able to raise the best peaches in the state. Some of these peaches weigh a half pound each, which beats the record so far as we know on peaches shipped here from Missouri, Arkansas, Texas or Oklahoma."

## A Double Wedding.

On Wednesday, September 2nd, a double wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hull in Moore township. The contracting couples were Frank Wright and Nettie Hull and Aden Hall and Effie Hull. Rev. F. S. Atwell of Sharon performed the ceremonies.

These young people are held in great esteem by the people in the community in which they reside. They belong to excellent families and start into married life under very favorable circumstances.

The Index is pleased to join their friends in extending congratulations and good wishes.

## How About This!

The following appeared in last week's Ingersoll Review. If the Medicine Lodge boys have the grit we think they have, they will make Milton Alexander Hull swallow this:

"The Medicine Lodge, Kansas base ball team has flunked—are afraid to play the Ingersoll Champions. Ex sheriff Gano, the manager of the team, is away fooling with a couple of pacers, and the captain of the grasshopper team, Sheriff Haun, won't even hear to a game with our boys, because he is smart enough to know that his team is not in our class. We are thinking some of making a game with the St. Louis Browns, but if they hide out as the Stillville boys did we shall quit base ball. Stillville was formerly Cherokee, a little town southeast of Ingersoll."

Seward Field went to Alva yesterday. He will probably return today.

Otto Southworth is in Kingman attending the big picnic this week.

Miss Alice Rudolph left for Wichita Saturday to renew her work in College.

W. R. Forsyth and wife went to Kingman on Monday to attend the cattlemen's picnic.

Born to Ned Axtell and wife on Saturday, Sept. 4th, a fine baby boy. Dr. Coleman in attendance.

Mrs. Allen Herr of Kiowa visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Taylor. She returned home Monday.

Mrs. S. A. Young of Clements and Miss Bessie Crumback of Great Bend, arrived in the city Monday to visit their sister, Mrs. Jim Ewalt.

Winfield, since her awful tragedy, is taking no chances with people who have the symptoms of insanity. Medicine Lodge has had sufficient warning to profit by her example.